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Dear Editor,

I have rarely been so appalled as I was after reading Reverend Lou Sheldon's latest comments. According to the Washington Post he believes that public and private relief agencies should not provide assistance to surviving members of same sex partnerships.

According to the Post, he said groups such as the Red Cross "should be first giving priority to those widows who were at home with their babies and those widowers who lost their wives." He apparently believes that gay rights organizations are taking advantage of this tragedy to "promote their agenda."

I find these comments reprehensible, un-American, and downright inhumane. You have even outdone Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, who showed their true colors last month when they blamed the attacks on feminists, gays, and civil libertarians.

You just don't get it, do you? Were your eyes not opened on September 11 along with the rest of us? Don't you see that your divisive remarks play into the hands of terrorists?

If there is a silver lining to the dark cloud of the horrific actions of that day, it is that America has fiercely united against the unseen enemy of hate and evil. Our differences do not seem so significant, our politics not as divergent. Hatred and intolerance do not belong among the selflessness and unity we are witnessing.

Americans opened their hearts and their wallets to shower love and financial support on the families of the victims and heroes. We are blessed to have organizations like United Way and Red Cross to manage these heartbreaking relief efforts. They don't care what the person looks like, where they worship, or how their family is structured. Right now we are all Americans and we are all suffer-

ing. Please don't make it worse.

Falwell apologized for his comments. Unfortunately, that didn't stop you from making yours. But perhaps you could still make it right.

Sincerely,
Assemblymember Paul Koretz
Sacramento

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NCLR And Lambda Legal Sends Thanks

Dear Editor,

I want to thank Mom Guess What Newspaper for your donation of free advertising for our successful fundraiser held Wednesday, October 17 at Club 21. You helped both National Center for Lesbian Rights and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund accomplish our goal – we raised awareness of these organizations in the Sacramento Valley Area. It would not have been possible without your support.

John Bennett
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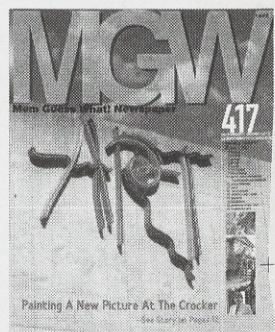
Crocker Staff Pleased

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for putting together such a great piece about the Crocker. Rose Dinelli was very dedicated to putting her best efforts towards the project.

We thank MGW for the support. We will continue to support you and the LGBT community. Thanks!

Rob Rough
Crocker Art Museum Media Director
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AB25: California Advances Domestic Partner Recognition

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SACRAMENTO, CA — Governor Gray Davis signed AB 25, a bill written by Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) that expands the rights and benefits of domestic partners. The measure provides employment, health care, and estate planning rights that were previously denied same sex couples. The law takes effect January 1, 2002.

Migden is also the author and sponsor of the original domestic partnership law. Passed in 1999, AB 24 created a statewide domestic partner registry within the Secretary of State's office and provided domestic partners with hospital visitation rights and health insurance coverage for public employees.

New benefits include:

Health Insurance Availability: Require health insurers to offer domestic partner health coverage for small businesses to optionally purchase coverage for their employees' domestic partners.

Health Coverage Taxation: Including domestic partners as dependents in state tax law exempt-



James Ozanich

Governor Gary Davis held a special ceremony to celebrate signing AB25.

ing dependent health coverage as taxable income would protect them and their families from additional taxation, not faced by other families, for employer-based health coverage for dependents.

Right To Recover Wrongful

Death/Emotional Distress Damages: These are substantive tort rights only extended to certain family members, in a hierarchy beginning with spouses. AB 25 would provide domestic partners the same status as spouses.

Sick Leave: Allow domestic partners to use sick leave to care for their partner or their partner's child.

Unemployment Insurance: Allow domestic partners to collect unemployment

benefits, as spouses currently may, when they voluntarily quit a job to relocate with their domestic partner.

Disability Insurance: Allow domestic partners to apply for state disability insurance on their partner's behalf if, because of the disability, the partner is unable to apply.

Conservatorship: Would guarantee domestic partners equal standing with other family members in court proceedings governing who controls an individual's assets and other decision-making when one is adjudged incompetent.

Medical Decision Making: Poor understanding in many hospitals regarding the appropriate family member to consult for treatment decisions, when the patient is unable to make his/her own, indicates the need to explicitly recognize domestic partners on par with other family members.

Statutory Will Form: This simplified will form laid out in the code includes only spouses and immediate family members.

Step Parent Adoption: Allows a domestic partner who is already the parent of a child to extend parental rights and responsibilities to the other partner, subject to the consent of the partner with the child and any other individual with parental rights over the child. ▼

Info.democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a13

Opinions On AB25

Assemblymember Carole Migden

"This bill marks a stellar advance for lesbians and gays in California. It recognizes important everyday rights under the law that affect all individuals and their families. This new law sends a message across the nation that California celebrates the dignity and diversity of all people, including same sex couples."

Senator Sheila Kuehl

"I am delighted that the governor signed AB 25. He indicated that he would sign such a bill in 2001 and I'm glad he followed through. I think we added some very important benefit to the domestic partner registry. Next year we will explore new benefits to add. There are still a number of family benefits to add still but we won't try another large bill until 2003. Next year there will be a few small improvements and gather-

ing of information on what to add next."

Alan Lo Faso

Chief Of Staff For Assemblymember Carole Migden

"This is an outstanding achievement for the lesbian and gay community. It's an enormous step forward for civil rights. California tends to set the pattern for legislation so we may be looking at the beginning of a trend. I hope and expect other states will follow this path."

Lil Jones

Executive Director Of Crocker Art Museum

"I'm delighted the lobbying efforts of our community have paid off. Governor Davis has established California as a leader in civil rights. Unfortunately the bill won't affect Crocker employees because we have a small staff."

Our insurance still won't offer domestic partner benefits."

Eric Astacaan

California Alliance For Pride And Equality Legislative Advocate

"CAPE sponsored the bill and lobbied for it from start to finish. We worked with American Civil

en for granted."

Michael Sestak & Dennis Mangers

California Cable Association

"We were in the room when Governor Davis signed the bill. It was quite a festive time. The governor made it into a ceremony. It was nice that on the last day he could sign it he took time out of his schedule to make a big deal of signing the bill. He could have signed it and moved on to the next bill. He

had a stack of to sign. It's nice to see the governor supporting us."

Mayor Heather Fargo

"I am pleased that AB25 was signed into law by Governor Davis. The bill provided long overdue human and basic civil rights to domestic partners."

Councilmember Jimmie R. Yee

"The substance of AB 25 extends much needed protections to registered domestic partners under California law, and I support the coverage and rights proposed for families under this legislation."

Council Member Lauren Hammond

"I don't understand what the big deal is. This is a civil rights issue. This bill is long overdue. My district tends to be more conservative in the voter booth, so I'm glad Governor Davis signed it."

Council Member Roger Dickinson

"I am very pleased. It's an important statement with respect to recognizing and extending benefits to domestic partners. It's important because it protects those in domestic partner relationships." ▼

" This bill marks a stellar advance for lesbians and gays in California "

Liberties Union and People For the American Way among others. We delivered over 20,000 petitions to Governor Davis. Our work has paid off. This is a huge victory for same sex couples and families. They now have basic legal protections that a lot of people have tak-

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GLSEN Teams With MTV To

Squash Heterosexism In School

NEW YORK CITY, NY — Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) has joined with MTV on a national advertising campaign to educate young adults on homophobia and heterosexism. The television campaign is expected to run through November and may be the largest of its kind on any network ever.

In conjunction, GLSEN released the results of its most recent study on LGBT middle and high school student. First conducted in 1999, the National School Climate Survey is the largest national survey on the experiences of LGBT youth in school. It examines the prevalence of school-based harassment and victimization, the frequency with which students hear homophobic language, and factors that contribute to or detract from safety.

In 2001 GLSEN nearly doubled the size of the sample from the original survey. This year, a total of 904 LGBT students from 48 states and the District of Columbia completed the survey. Respondents were accessed through community based organizations that provide services to students and online.

The results confirm that for many students, school can be an unsafe or even dangerous place. School is where homophobic remarks can be frequently heard, sometimes by faculty or staff. The majority of the youth reported being verbally harassed, and a large number reported sexual harassment, physical harassment, or physical assault. The findings of this survey demonstrate that transgender students feel particularly vulnerable at school. ▼

Info. 212-727-0135, glsen.org



...But Names Will Never Hurt Me

As in 1999, the overwhelming majority of students reported hearing homophobic remarks. Faculty and staff contributed to the problem by either making inappropriate comments themselves or failing to intervene.

- 84.3% reported hearing homophobic remarks frequently
- 90.8% reported hearing the expression "that's so gay" or "you're so gay" frequently
- 23.6% reported hearing homophobic remarks from school faculty
- 81.8% reported that school staff never intervened or rarely intervened when homophobic remarks were made
- 82.3% reported being verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation
- 48.3% of students of color reported being verbally harassed because of both their sexual orientation and their race/ethnicity

Many schools fail to recognize the abuse faced by LGBT students. As a result, resources and supportive personnel are rare. But where available, a statistically significant portion of respondents felt a greater sense of belonging at school.

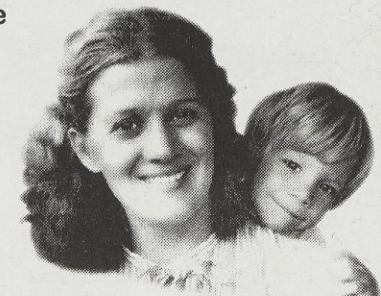
- 80.6% reported that there were no positive portrayals of LGBT people, history, or events in any of their classes
- 38.1% who had seen positive portrayals of LGBT people in school reported feeling more comfortable in class compared to 29% who felt comfortable but had not seen positive portrayals of LGBT people
- 39.8% reported their school lacked supportive teachers and staff
- 31.1% reported that their school had a Gay-Straight Alliance or similar organization ▼

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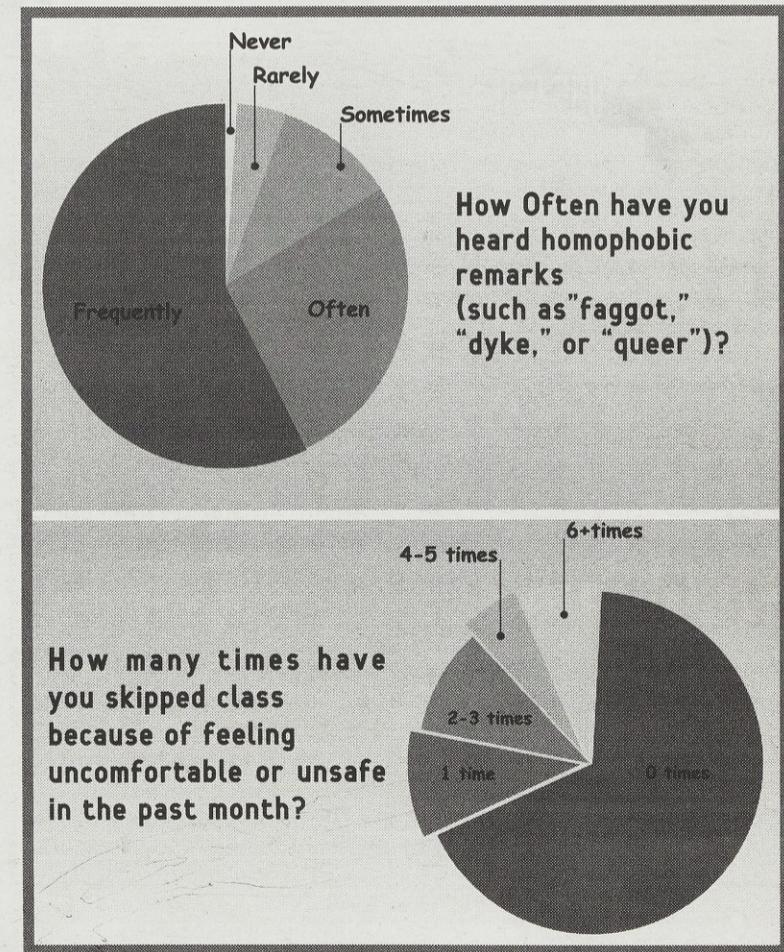
Sticks And Stones May Break My Bones...

The majority of LGBT students do not feel safe at school. They were likely to skip class or even days of school out of fear for personal safety. Transgender students were the least likely to feel safe in their schools.

- 65.4% reported being sexually harassed
- 74.2% of lesbian and bisexual young women reported being sexually harassed
- 73.7% of transgender students reported being sexually harassed
- 41.9% reported being physically harassed because of their sexual orientation
- 21.1% reported being physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation
- 31.3% reported physical harassment related to their gender expression
- 13.7% reported physical assaults related to their gender expression

Students reported varying degrees of safety at their school.

- 70.4% of public school students reported feeling unsafe
- 65% of private religious school students reported feeling unsafe
- 51.2% of private secular school students reported feeling unsafe
- 62.2% from urban schools reported feeling unsafe
- 70.7% from suburban schools reported feeling unsafe
- 75.9% from rural schools reported feeling unsafe
- 68.6% reported feeling unsafe in their school because of their sexual orientation
- 8.9% of transgender students reported feeling unsafe because of their gender expression
- 30.9% missed at least one day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe



Dr. Cameron T. Yee OPTOMETRY



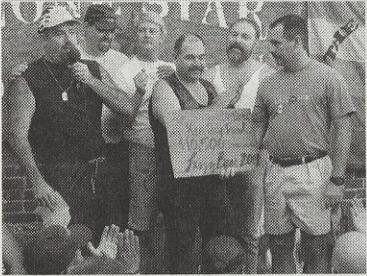
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NLGJA Elects New Board Members



WASHINGTON D.C. - National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) elected three new officers and seven additional board members at its 2001 national convention, held in Dallas, Texas last month. The NLGJA Board of Di-

rectors is led by President Robert Dodge, National Economics Correspondent for the **Dallas Morning News**, and consists of twenty-two members total.

Marshall McPeek of Cleveland, Ohio will serve as the new National Vice-President for Broadcast. After joining NLGJA in 1994, the Emmy-nominated reporter, news anchor, and meteorologist helped found the Ohio chapter of NLGJA and became its first president.

Karen Bailis of Huntington, New York will serve as National Treasurer. Bailis is an assistant

news editor at **Newsday**, where she shared in the staff Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the TWA 800 crash. She joined the NLGJA board in 1999 and serves as the Chair of the Development Committee.

Marcus Mabry of New York City, New York will serve as the new National Secretary. He was named senior editor of **Newsweek International** after he completed the Edward R. Murrow fellowship at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Previously, he had been Johannesburg bureau chief and a Paris correspondent.

NLGJA's additional board members are **David Steinberg** of the **San Francisco Chronicle**, five time Emmy-nominee **Jen Christensen** of Charlotte, North Carolina's **WSOC-TV**, **Tom Musbach** of San Francisco's **PlanetOut Partners**, freelance journalist and long time board member **Mubarak Dahir** of Astoria, New York, **The Philadelphia Inquirer's Eric Hegedus**, freelance journalist **Barbara Dozetos** of Middlebury, Vermont, and South Florida **Sun-Sentinel's assistant editor Dana Williams**. ▼

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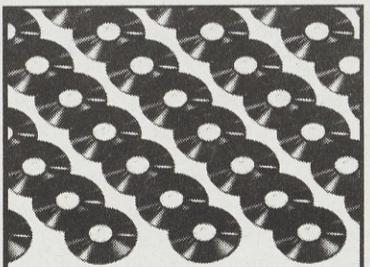
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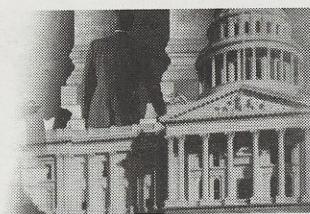
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Landmark AIDS Legislation Becomes Law

SACRAMENTO, CA — A bill written by Senator John Vasconcellos (D – Silicon Valley) requiring all HMOs, including CalPERS, to purchase federally approved AIDS vaccine as soon as it becomes available was signed into law. SB 446 creates incentives for drug manufacturers to boost research for the development of a vaccine.

"California once again leads the country in recognizing the need to create incentives for companies to invest in bringing an AIDS vaccine to market," said Vasconcellos. "California represents the largest single state market for health insurance purchasers - with CalPERS, representing an estimated 1.1 million members, leading the way as the largest single purchaser. With this kind of incentive, we can expect pharmaceutical companies to pay attention to the potential here

for establishing a market for an AIDS vaccine."

SB 446 is aimed at encouraging doctors to work to prevent HIV infection instead of treating patients only after they have been infected. Venture capitalists will be rewarded for investing in biotech companies that are working to produce a vaccine.

There is currently no cure for HIV, although medication to manage infection is available. However, some HIV-positive people do not respond to drugs and their cost averages \$10,000 - \$20,000 per year which limits access. HIV has killed or infected nearly 40 million people worldwide. Every year approximately 8,000 Californians are infected. SB 446 takes effect January 1, 2003. ▼

Info. Info. 445-9740

Compensation Available For GLBT Nazi Victims



International Organization for Migration has created a fund to compensate previously ignored victims of the Nazi regime.

BERLIN, GERMANY — International Organization for Migration (IOM) has established a fund to compensate GLBT victims of the Nazi Regime during World War II. Many persecuted individuals left Europe, changed their names, and may still live in isolation making them difficult to locate. Previously, GLBT victims were excluded from compensation programs.

IOM is seeking survivors of forced and slave labor camps, laborers for Swiss companies or German subsidiaries of Swiss companies who performed work for little or no compensation, and people who attempted to enter Switzerland to avoid persecution but were denied or after gaining entry deported, detained, abused, or assaulted in anyway.

Heirs of victims who died on or after February 16, 1999 are also entitled to compensation. Claims must be filed by December 31, 2001. ▼

Info. n-tv.de/2722757.html, iom.int, mi.st@netcologne.de

Senator Clinton Sides With Domestic Partners

WASHINGTON D.C. — Senator Hillary Clinton (D-New York) reaffirmed her commitment to offering the domestic partners of victims of the September 11 attacks the same assistance as married couples at a recent Human Rights Campaign dinner. Clinton, who was the keynote speaker at the annual event, also stated that she supported equal insurance coverage, inheritance, and property tax benefits for domestic partners.

Clinton also recognized the domestic partners of several Attack on America victims. Tom Hay, the partner of David Charlebois, a co-pilot that was killed in the Pentagon crash; Nancy Walsh, the partner of Carol Flyzik, a passenger aboard one of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center; and Mike Lyons, the partner of Jack Keohane, who worked near the World Trade Center, were commended for their loss. ▼

Info. hrc.org

Gain Vermont Style Civil Unions

SACRAMENTO, CA — Assemblymember Paul Koretz introduced a Vermont-style civil union bill into the State Assembly in February 2001. AB 1338 is now in committee pending debate and hearings.

The bill is aimed at ending discrimination in income taxes, child custody, adoption, and alimony in state laws. The bill will not affect opposite sex domestic partners or federal laws and may not be recognized in other states. ▼

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British newspaper Metro published an Associated Press photo of an American bomb with the misspelled phrase "HIGHJACK THIS FAGS" written on it, presumably by an American Navy officer.

WASHINGTON D.C. — Metro, a British newspaper, published an Associated Press (AP) photo of an American bomb with the misspelled phrase "HIGHJACK THIS FAGS" written on it, presumably by an American Navy officer. It has caused an uproar in LGBT advocacy organizations nationwide, including Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), and Triangle Foundation. An unknown AP photographer took the picture while aboard the USS Enterprise while stationed on the Arabian Sea. It was released with a caption that ignored the slur on the bomb.

Rear Admiral S.R. Pietropaoli responded in a letter to HRC stating, "...concern about the photograph of an inappropriate comment scrawled on a piece of ordnance aboard the USS Enterprise is both understood and shared by Navy leadership." He claimed that there was no written Defense Department guidelines regarding, "spontaneous acts of penmanship by our fighting forces."

"The message is insulting and inappropriate," said SLDN legal director Sharra E. Greer. "It is also in clear violation of the United States military's stated policies on harassment and morale."

Historically, American service members are permitted to write messages on weapons. Soldiers wrote memorials of victims of the September 11 attacks on many of the first bombs dropped on Afghanistan. ▼

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Joseph Hernandez, Jr. entered into rest at the age of thirty-seven on Friday, August 24 in Chicago. Joseph was born in Sacramento and graduated from Woodland High School in 1982. His strong will, sense of humor, and positive attitude helped him over come and accept the many challenges in his life. We will miss his caring, outgoing personality, beautiful smile, and kind heart.

Joseph enjoyed making new friends and having meaningful conversations. He also enjoyed walking on the beach, writing, and music. Before moving to

Chicago, he was a member of the Sacramento Men's Choir and a long-time volunteer at MGW. Joseph often made time to work at MGW while planning vacations in different destinations. His energy, sense of humor, and excellent writing skills made him a valuable member

of the staff.

He is preceded in death by his father Joseph Hernandez, Sr.

Joseph is survived by his mother, Victoria Hernandez, sister Lisa, and husband Mike Borchard of Woodland, brother Jess Hernandez of Idaho, nephew Joseph Whitehead, and nephew Justin Borchard of Woodland, and special friends Mark Dempsey and Mike Hallor of Chicago. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends. His courage and spirit will forever touch those who were privileged to witness his journey through life.

A memorial was held in Joseph's honor on Sunday, August 26 at Jackhammer's in Chicago. ▼

Susan Dianne McCoy Wolf

Susan Dianne McCoy Wolf died September 19 after a long battle with cancer. She worked as an agent for Farmers Insurance for thirty years and was active in politics. She was 59 years old.

As a campaigner, she went door-to-door educating citizens on politics and candidates for local office. She participated in grassroots work in the presidential campaigns of Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern, and Jimmy Carter. Sue was a member of Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee and Fruitridge Democratic Club.

As an insurance agent, she served clients across Sacramento, many of whom worked at the Capitol. She had been a regular advertiser in MGW since 1978.

Wolf is survived by her daughters Patti and Barby Wolf, her mother Eugenia McCoy, sister Marion Woods, and brothers Keith and Doug McCoy. She is preceded by her companion of twenty years Glenn Goddard, her who died of a heart attack last December. ▼

Herb King

Herb King -World War II veteran **Herb King** passed away as a result of a heart attack on September 25. A tireless advocate for lifting the ban on LGBT service personnel, King was a member of Service-members Legal Defense Network (SLDN), the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America, and a two-time delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

During his time in the Army, King achieved the rank of Major and Battalion Commander. After

retiring from the Army, he became an industrial engineer, and worked for more than twenty years in the civilian sector.

In 1993, in conjunction with the National March on Washington, King participated in a cross country bus tour, with three other lesbian and gay veterans, advocating for repeal of the Pentagon's anti-gay policies. He also wrote regularly for a number of publications.

King is survived by his partner, Stan Mahan, also a World War II veteran. ▼

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Sara Davis Buechner Is Back By Popular Demand!

SACRAMENTO, CA — On Thursday, November 15 at 7pm Sara Davis Buechner will speak at the Open Book (910 21st Street). Her moving exchange, entitled "Changing Keys: Singing a New Song," will focus on her coming out as a transgender person and the life of a Yamaha Artist.

She will follow the lecture with another presentation and concert featuring music dedicated to childhood memories, titled "There Was A Time," on Saturday, November 17. Camellia Symphony Orchestra will join her for the 8pm concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church (1300 N Street). Buechner will perform the seldom-heard *Variations On A Nursery Song* by Ernst von Dohnanyi, as well as the jazzy *Concerto in G* by Maurice Ravel. ▼

Info. 929-6655, camelliasyphony.org

Sara Davis Buechner will take a musical journey through memories and childhood tunes November 17 at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Capital Unity Council Dinner Rescheduled

SACRAMENTO, CA — Capital Unity Council (CUC) has rescheduled their first annual Unity Recognition Dinner for Tuesday, November 13. Its new location is the Sheraton Grand Hotel Grand Ballroom (1230 J Street). The reception begins at 6pm. KXTV News 10's Karen Massie will still serve as mistress of ceremonies, but Governor Gray Davis is the new keynote speaker. Senator Deborah Ortiz, UC Davis Associated Student Body President Tiquila Bledsoe, and Assemblymember Darrel Steinberg will also speak. Dennis Mangers, senior vice president of California Cable Association, will present the Joe Serna, Jr. Unity Award to Congressman Robert Matsui. Rio Americano High School's jazz quartet Out Of Focus will provide music during the evening. ▼

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BY ED KELLEY
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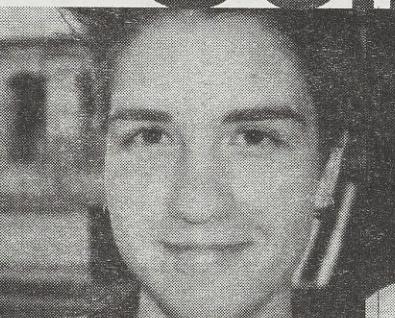
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Marie Holmes
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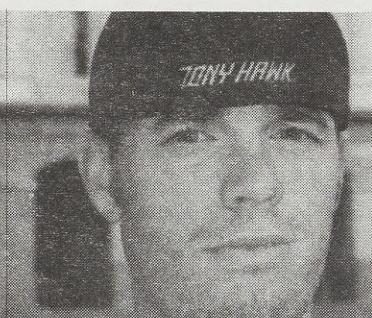
Corrin Homer
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U.S. Navy. I like to avoid physical combat. I prefer to be in a medical setting. However, all things considered I would not join any branch today.



Debra Garcia
Sacramento
Health Rights Counselor

U.S. Navy so I could see the world and have a girl in every port. In reality, I probably would not join due to the fact that none of the branches are safe for women.



Keith Brooks
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Let's Talk

About

By ERNIE PHINNEY
MGW STAFF

Le's talk about dry rot. Dry rot is to a wooden house as the prostate is to a man. Sooner or later there's going to be a problem. In both cases prevention is the best medicine.

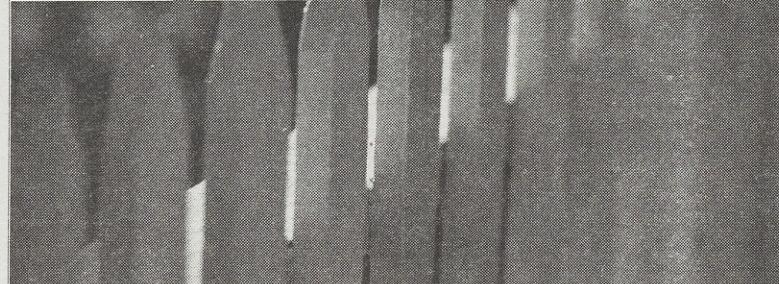
So what is dry rot? It's like your house has a fungus infection, and this fungus is slowly (although sometimes not so slowly) digesting your house one stick of wood at a time. Like all living things, dry rot fungus needs moisture to live and grow. The places to start looking for problems are in parts of wood-framed, sided, or trimmed house that are exposed to rain or - God forbid - lawn sprinklers and home irrigation systems.

OK, doctor, got the message. Now how about the diagnosis and treatment?

When I'm on the hunt for dry rot, I take my trusty screwdriver (flat or phillips will do), and I start poking in the suspect places. A joint between two pieces of wood exposed to the elements (like on your front porch steps, perhaps) is a candidate for dry rot, so poke around. If your woodwork is in good shape, it should be nice and firm to the poke. If it's mushy or yields to your screwdriver, it's probably dry rot under the paint.

If you recently purchased your house, there should have been a pest inspection that would have told you about dry rot problems - however, not necessarily *all* dry rot problems. But let's say it's been a few years since you bought your dream house. It's time to go looking, and you should plan on looking once a year, preferably springtime after the rains when the weather is nice.

Dry Rot



If you are a first-time dry rot hunter, check all around the house. Check any deck lumber, exterior wooden steps, exposed siding or roof framing that extends out beyond the roofline. Be thorough. Even redwood rots since second growth redwood used these days isn't anywhere as rot resistant as first growth wood used in old houses. Make a note of what you find in each location so

requiring the services of a licensed general contractor. Sheet metal (aluminum flashing is easier to use) installed over the exposed joints and repairs can keep the water out and greatly reduce the risk of future problems.

In future articles, I'll discuss dry rot repairs, how to do them yourself, and how to talk to a contractor about them.

MGW welcomes our newest staff writer, Ernie Phinney. This first View From The Porch column will be followed in each issue with helpful hints, dire warnings, and senseless musings on home care, renovation, and design.

Ernie grew up working in his father's construction and remodeling company in San Diego, where he got his first home construction "how to's." Ernie has renovated six buildings in recent years and lives with his partner in an almost-restored 1880 Italianate Victorian in Midtown.

that you don't forget what you have seen.

Dry rot, caught early, can often be repaired by digging out the rotted wood, treating the surrounding wood with a fungicide liquid, and filling the hole with an epoxy material. Almost anyone can do this minimal kind of job, but dry rot left to go on unchecked can result in major, costly structural repairs

Other topics I'll address will include closets (not that kind), wallpaper, weather stripping, shopping for an old house (remember *The Money Pit*?), designing and remodeling a kitchen, and other fun stuff for home owners and house buffs. **Martha Stewart**, move over.

I really love working on houses, particularly old houses. Ours was built in 1880, and we've been happily working and

spending on it for twelve years now. Some of us live in a new house to avoid many of the repair issues I'll be dealing with in this column.

But most new houses eventually become old houses. So listen up, and have some fun working around the house. It can be fun. Really. ▼

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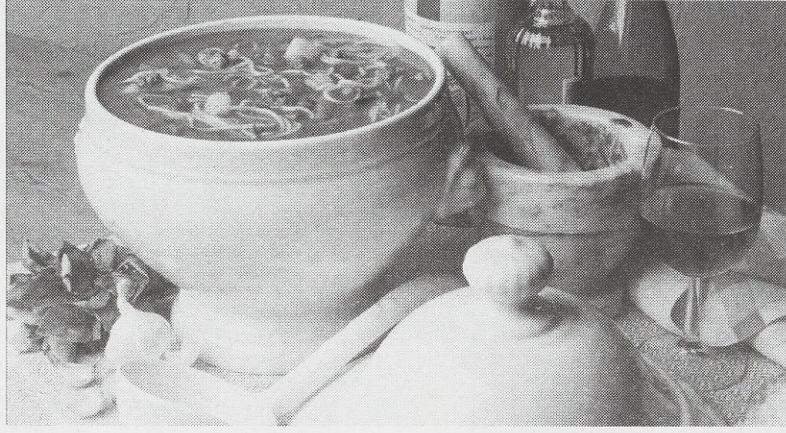
Cuisine's

Kindest Course

By Randy Hartley
Food & Wine Editor

There is nothing quite like soup. Originally, soup was basic sustenance - a daily pot of warming nourishment that brought family and friends together in communion around the hearth where it was made. Soup was a meal in itself; and although nowadays it is more often served in small quantity as a first course, soup continues to represent the main body of a meal for many people. Nourishing and comforting, it is beloved by both young and old.

Restaurant chefs, in fact, have particular cause to acknowledge the culinary influence of soups. The first eating establishment to be called a restaurant was opened by a Parisian soup vendor, M. Boulanger, in 1765. He served soups exclusively. The establishment, and all its successors, took its name from a motto inscribed in Latin above the entrance: "Come to me all of you whose stomachs cry out and I will restore



you."

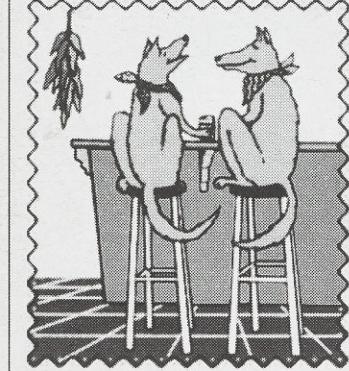
Now, as then, the restorative powers of soup are justly praised. **Louis P. De Gouy**, a European chef who worked in the United States during the first half of this century, sums up the appeal of soup in *The Soup Book*, published in 1949. "Soup is cuisine's kindest course," De Gouy wrote. "It breathes reassurance; it steams consolation; after a weary day it promotes sociability...there is nothing like a bowl of hot soup, its wisp of aromatic steam making the nostrils quiver with anticipation."

A most versatile food, soup is the perfect way to balance a menu. Serve a light, appetite stimulating consomme or bouillon to elegantly complement a rich main course, or if the main course is light, serve a

more substantial pureed soup to round out the meal. Creamed soups are smooth and delicious but should not be served with menus featuring cream sauces. Chilled fresh fruit soups and gazpachos begin summer meals on a refreshingly festive note and still leave room for more. Sturdy, heartwarming vegetable, beef, chicken, or cheese soups - too filling to serve as starters - stand on their own as wonderful main dishes.

Although, soups are part of the foundations of our cooking traditions, they are not always treated in today's kitchens with the respect they deserve. Many cooks, seduced by the excessive quantity of canned, packaged, and dehydrated products that pass under the guise of soup, have forgotten how delicious the re-

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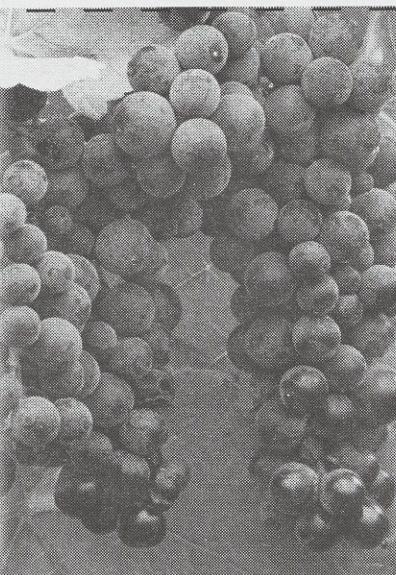
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al thing is. But anyone who can cut up a vegetable can make soup in only a little more time than it takes to open a can and heat the contents.

The following recipe is a hearty one dish meal and not difficult to prepare and is perfect for this time of year.

Minestrone Soup

8 servings
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 medium-size yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 medium-size carrots, peeled, halved lengthwise, and sliced thin
1 medium-size russet potato peeled and cup into 1/2-inch cubes
1/2 pound zucchini squash cut into 1/2 inch cubes
1 tablespoon dried basil, crumbled
1 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled
2 large bay leaves
1 large can (28oz) peeled diced tomatoes, with their juice
6 cups beef, chicken or vegetable stock
1/4 pound green beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
1 cup uncooked small elbow macaroni (about 41/2 oz)

1 can Cannellini beans (white kidney)
Grated Parmesan cheese, if desired
3 tablespoons minced parsley
Note: You can also add a chopped cabbage or celery if you like.

In a large heavy kettle, heat the olive oil over low heat for one minute; add the onions and cook uncovered, for five minutes or until

soft. Add garlic and cook for one minute. Raise the heat to moderate and add the carrots, potato, squash, basil, oregano, and bay leaves. Cook, uncovered, five minutes longer, stirring occasionally.

Add the tomatoes and stock and bring to a boil; adjust the heat so that the mixture bubbles gently and cook, uncovered, twenty minutes longer. Add the green beans, cover, and cook until the beans are tender but still crisp - about ten minutes. Remove the bay leaves.

Add the pasta and cook until tender. Add additional water or broth, if necessary. Add the Cannellini beans. Cook three to five minutes longer, until heated through. Ladle into soup bowls and sprinkle with the cheese and parsley. ▼

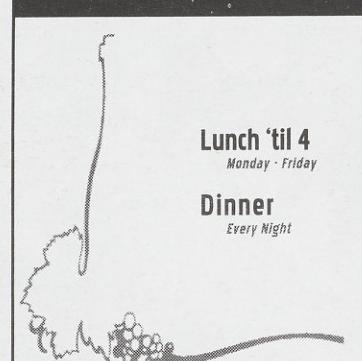
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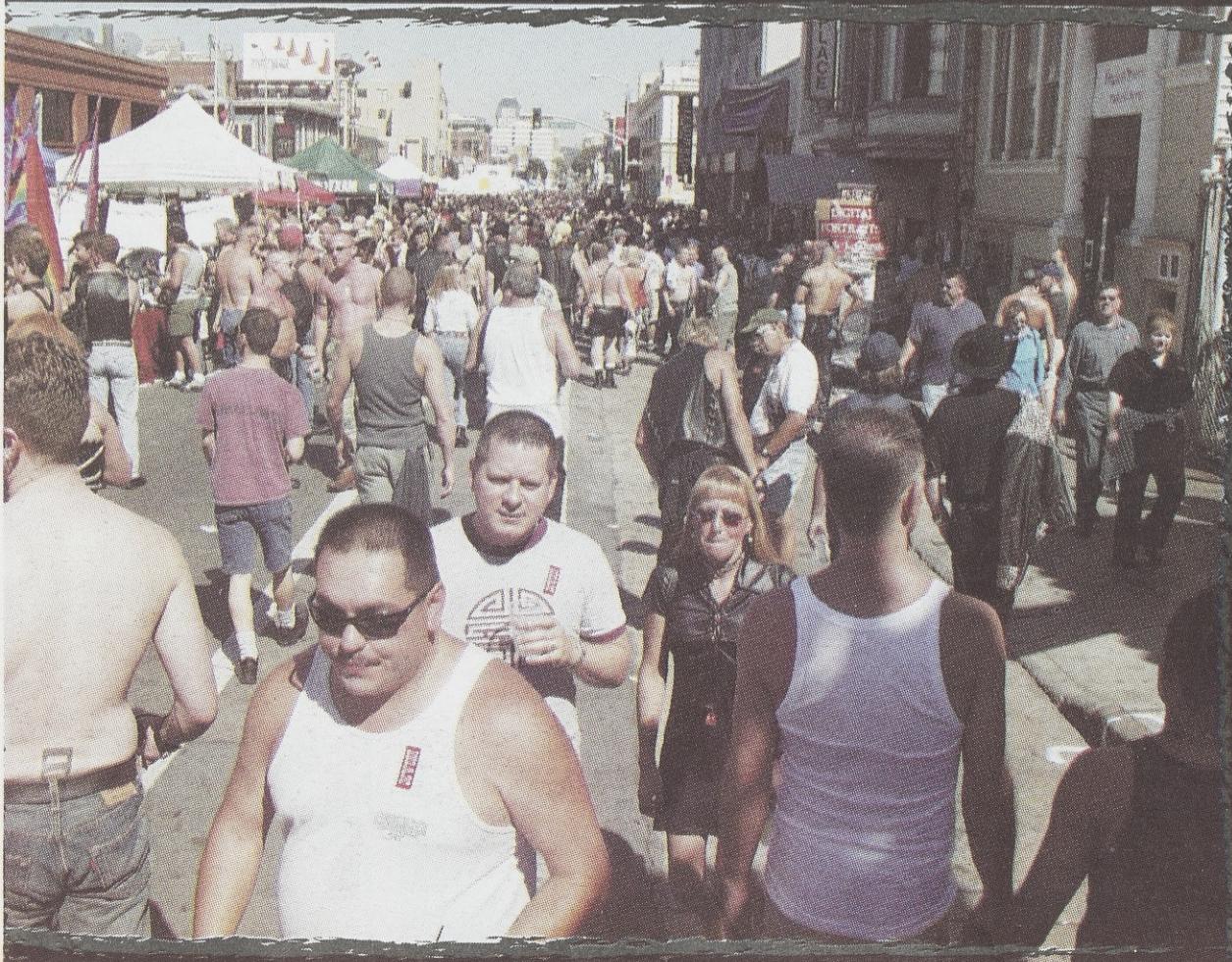


SAN FRANCISCO, CA — The eighteenth annual Folsom Street Fair was held at the end of September. Thousands of leather aficionados gathered across several city blocks to shop, have their boots polished, and learn to tricks of their trade.

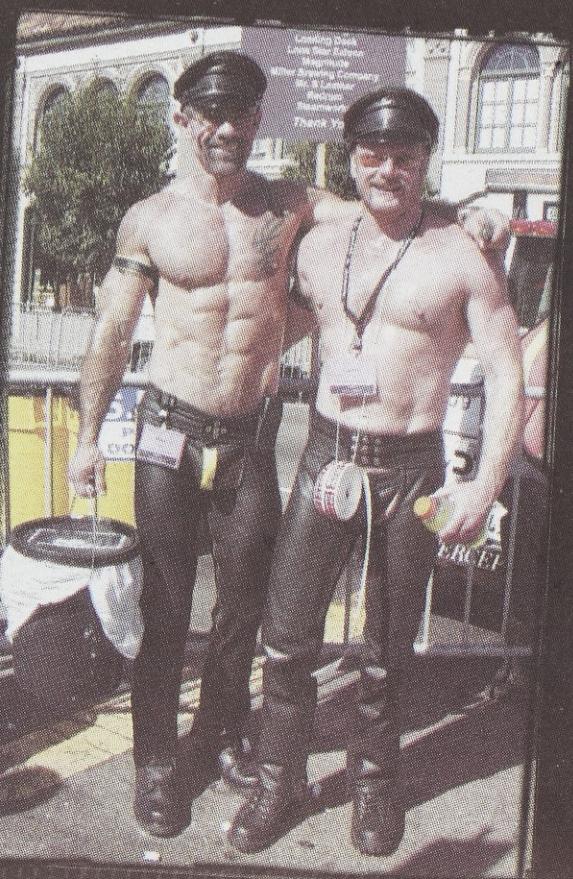
The 2002 fair is scheduled for Sunday, September 29. ▼

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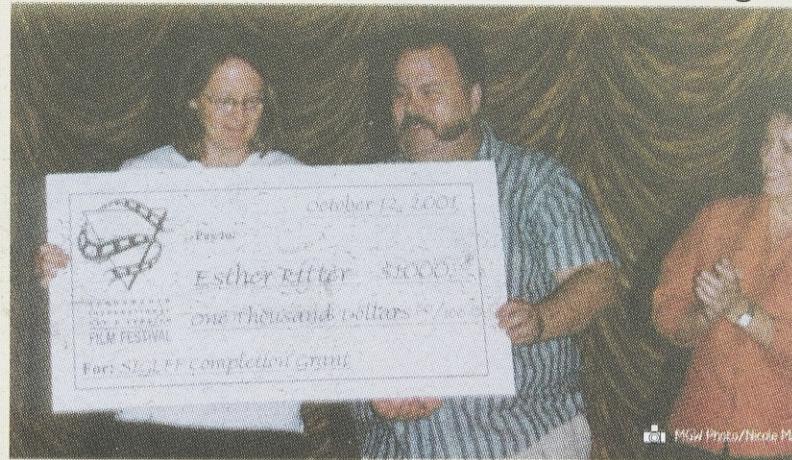
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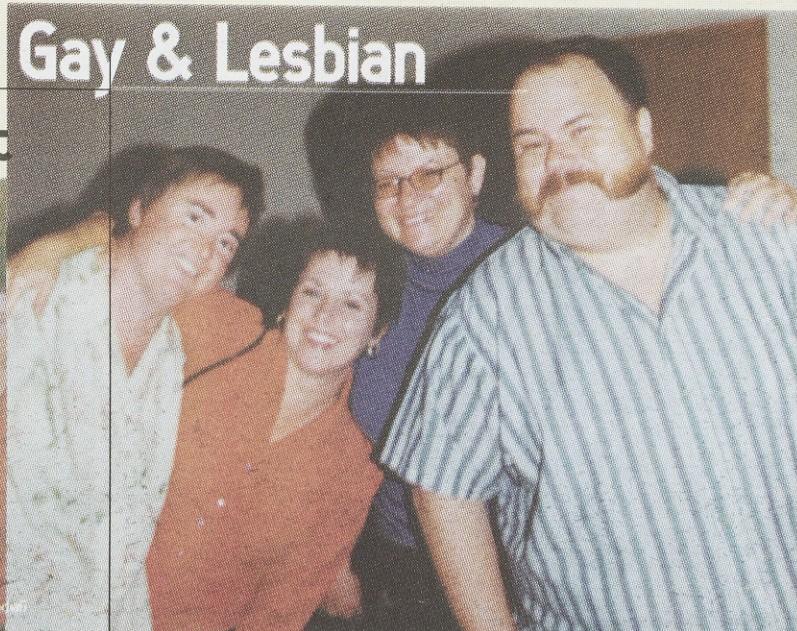
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Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Has A Sold Out Night



Filmmaker Ester Ritter receives a \$1,000 check from Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival to fund future projects.



SIGLFF organizers Linda Deos, Dawn Deason, Jolene Jesse, and Tom Swanner.

Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (SIGLFF) will hold a brainstorming meeting Wednesday, November 7 at Lavender Library (1414 21st Street) at 6:30pm.



Service Of Remembrance Brings Tears & Hope

Assemblymember Darrel Steinberg was one of many legislators and citizens to participate in the third annual Service of Remembrance. This year's memorial was held at Pioneer Congregational Church, although the service was non-denominational and included expressions of Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, and Native American spirituality. The event focuses on remembering those who died violent deaths as a result of their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender expression.

Sac L.E.G.A.L. Elects New Officers

SACRAMENTO, CA — Sacramento Lawyers for the Equality of Gays and Lesbians (Sac L.E.G.A.L.) held their annual meeting in October. The new board includes Co-Chairs Marc Koenigsberg and Dianne Roberts, treasurer M. Jane Pearce, Secretary Jay Kirkman, Members-at-large John Bennett, R. Todd Vlaanderen, F. Burns Vick, and Dawn Whitney, and Student Representatives K.C. King and Raul Escatel.

Founded in 1996 by a group of GLBT legal professionals, Sac L.E.G.A.L. is entering its seventh year of service. An affiliate of the Sacramento County Bar Association, the group's mission is to provide legal advocacy and education for GLBT people. Membership is open to all lawyers, law students, and legal professionals. ▼

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Todd Vlaanderen, M. Jane Pearce, Jay Kirkman, K.C. King, John Bennett, Dianne Roberts, and Marc Koenigsberg were elected to Sac L.E.G.A.L.'s new board.



SF Festival Showcases Great Jazz

By STEFAN GRÜNWEDEL
MGW STAFF

With summer now over and the Sacramento Dixieland Jazz Jubilee a distant memory, it's time to venture out to the Bay Area and the nineteenth annual San Francisco Jazz Festival. After all, the only way to enter the fall season is with jazz. This world-renowned festival showcases performances by world-traveled artists, tributes to legendary musicians, and concerts by new talents. Shows range in style from classic jazz to avant-garde, swing, salsa, R&B, and more.

Highlights during the remaining days of the festival include native San Franciscan vocalist **Mary Stallings** with the **Eric Reed Quartet** November 1 at 8pm the Herbst Theatre (Van Ness & McAllister). The *New York Times* calls her "possibly the best jazz singer singing today."

One of my favorite jazz pianists is **Brad Mehldau**, whose five-volume (so far) *Art of the Trio* CD series is stunningly inventive and invigorating. He performs twice on November 1, at 8pm and 10:30pm, at Bimbo's 365 Club (1025 Columbus Avenue). As on his CDs, he's accompanied by bassist **Larry Grenadier** and drummer **Jorge Rossy**.

Bay Area dance party fans can enjoy two evenings of "street salsa" when **Manuel Hernandez**, better known as **Manolin "El Medico de la Salsa,"** and his twelve-piece band showcase their dynamic showmanship November 2 and 3pm at 9pm. at Bimbo's 365 Club. Also performing those nights is **Jesus Diaz y su QBA**, a "fusion of contemporary Afro-Cuban dance beats and North American funk," according to the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*.

And who can forget the inimitable **Dave Brubeck Quartet**, back in the City for the first time since 1994? It's been decades since his album *Time Out* stunned listeners in 1959 and influenced jazz artists thereafter, but his playing is as stimulating and creative as ever. The group performs on two nights, November 2 and 3, at 8pm, at the Masonic Auditorium (California & Taylor).

Among the artists closing the festival are **Keith Jarrett**, **Gary Peacock**, and **Jack DeJohnette**, who perform November 4 at 8:30pm at War Memorial Opera House (Van Ness & Grove). The *Los Angeles Times* said of one of their concerts, "Very simply, this is jazz at its finest."

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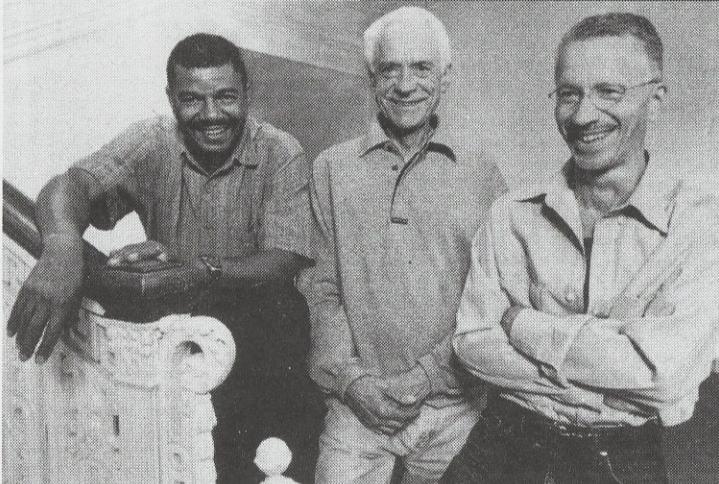
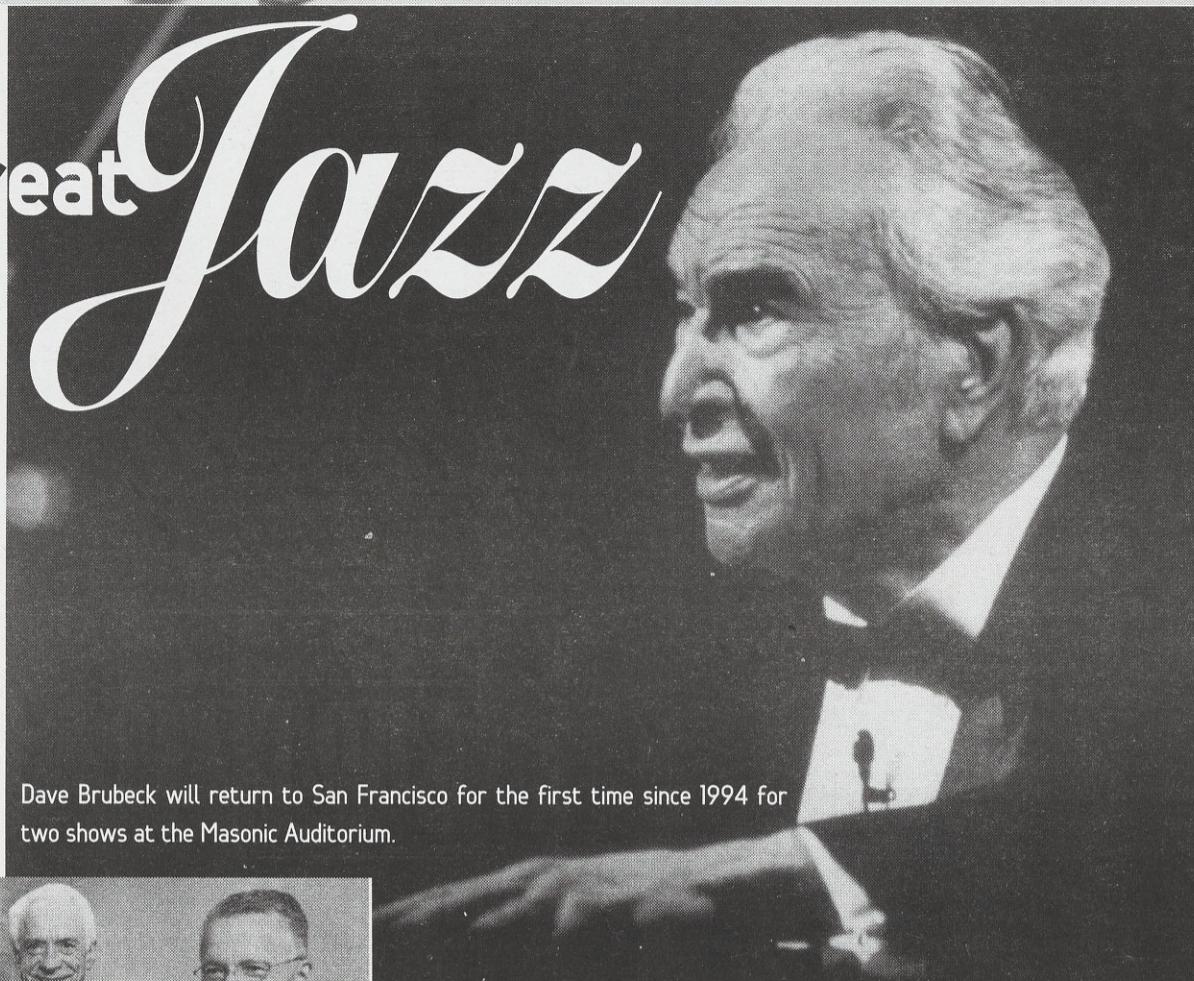
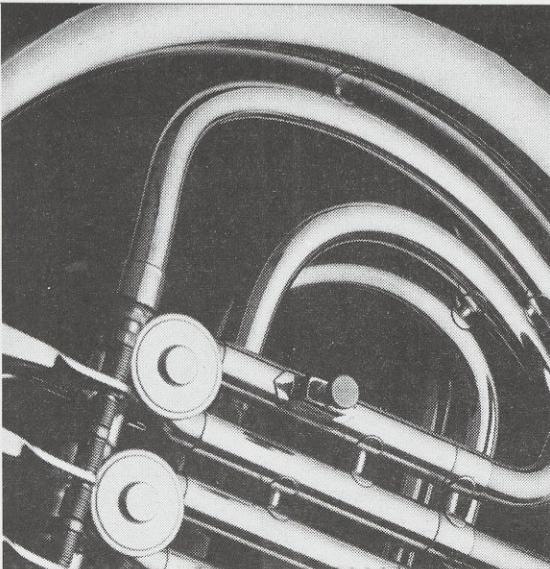
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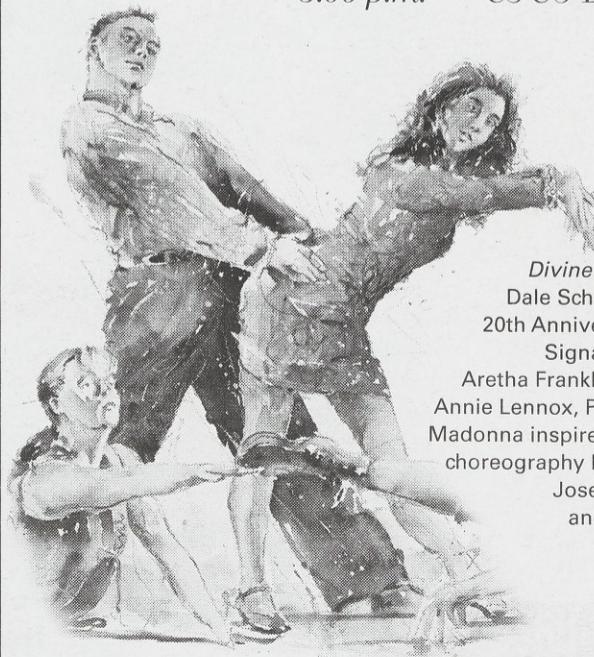


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Armenian Rarity Spotted In San Francisco

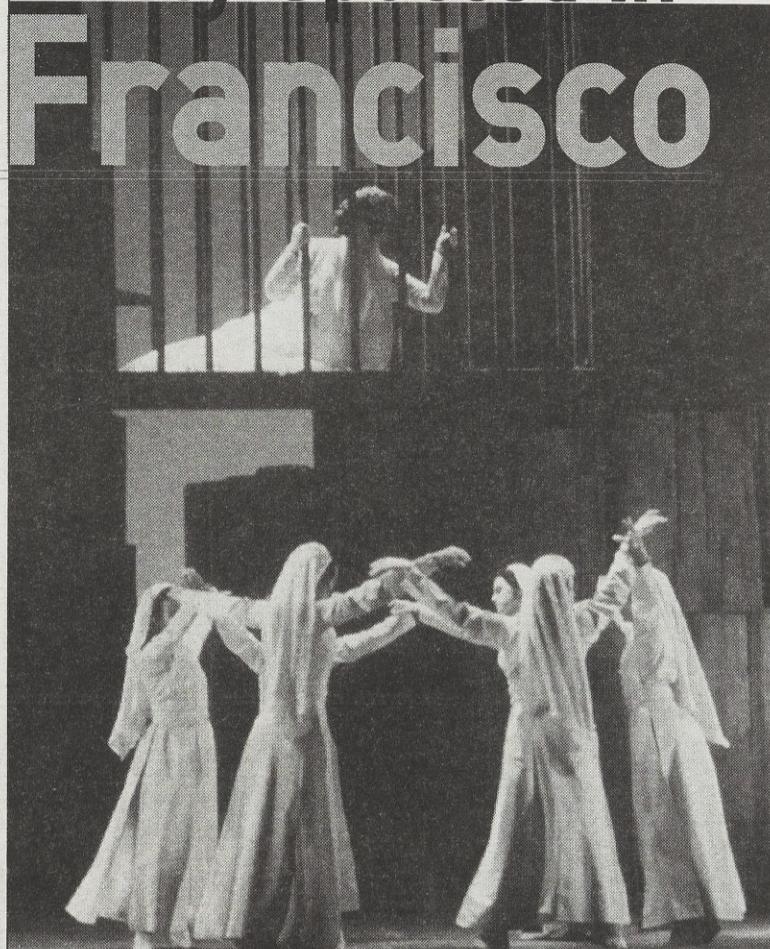
By WAYNE R. ANDERSON
MGW STAFF

One of the main reasons for delving into the obscure operatic repertory beyond Western Europe is to discover music outside the standard tradition. Composers such as Janacek, Smetana, Mussorgsky, Bartok, and Symonowsky (to name just a few) have enriched opera with powerful works based on their national traditions, set to music that is unmistakably regional in its sound. It was with such anticipation of discovery that I approached San Francisco Opera's (SFO) first-ever production of *Arshak II* by

Armenian composer **Tigran Chukhadjian**. Standing as it does at the crossroads between Europe and the Middle East, Armenia seemed the ideal country to infuse the sounds from the East into the European operatic genre.

Written in 1868, the opera was never performed and was rewritten in the 1930's (more than three decades after the composer's death) to make it less offensive to the Turks, who had long-standing tensions with Armenia. The SFO production, in fact, is the world premiere of the original version, translated into Armenian.

Alas, though the opera is set in fourth century Armenia and is based loosely on actual events in the reign of Arshak II, who attempted to unify the country, the music is strictly mid-nineteenth century Italian opera (it was even written in Italian) with barely a trace of regional character. The score has many lilting arias and duets and a number of rousing patriotic choruses, but it never rises to the level of greatness. Rather it sounds like warmed over Donizetti or Mercadante with



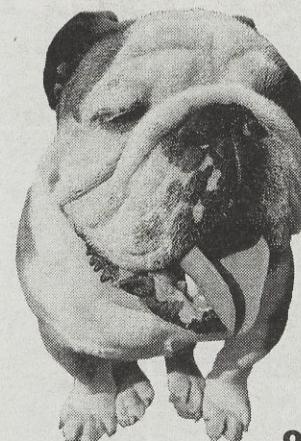
San Francisco Opera presents the world premiere of *Arshak II* by Armenian composer Tigran Chukhadjian.

borrowings from Verdi's *Macbeth* - pleasant but hardly memorable.

Although *Arshak II* was a war-

rior-king attempting to unify Armenia, the events of the opera center mostly on his domestic

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problems, brought on by his own selfish brutality. He is portrayed as a sadistic and lecherous demon with a drinking problem. He kills his brother then forcibly marries the widow Paransema after throwing his own wife Olimpia into prison. He eventually tires of Paransema (who then murders his son in revenge) and brings back Olimpia who behaves as though nothing unusual had happened. In the end, the still vengeful Paransema poisons Olimpia, stabs Arshak, and drinks poison as the curtain descends on this vile lot.

The performance was very well sung. Baritone **Christopher Robertson** was a strong-voiced and animated Arshak. Armenian soprano **Hasmik Papian** (Olimpia) and French mezzo-soprano **Nora Gubisch** (Paransema) spun gorgeously vocalized bel canto singing, and the rest of the cast was generally excellent. Conductor **Loris Tjeknavorian** led with fervor and lyricism, and the chorus sang vigorously.

The luscious costumes sported rich colors and bold geometric patterns for the men with flowing

gowns for the women. The simple sets suggested immense walls of monumental architecture constructed of giant blocks that unfortunately resembled styrofoam, but some beautiful lighting effects were achieved using huge swatches of draped fabric.

This production was both a disappointment and a pleasant surprise. The music proved to be pleasingly tuneful, but it lacked any national character. I kept wondering why they even bothered to do this opera. ▼

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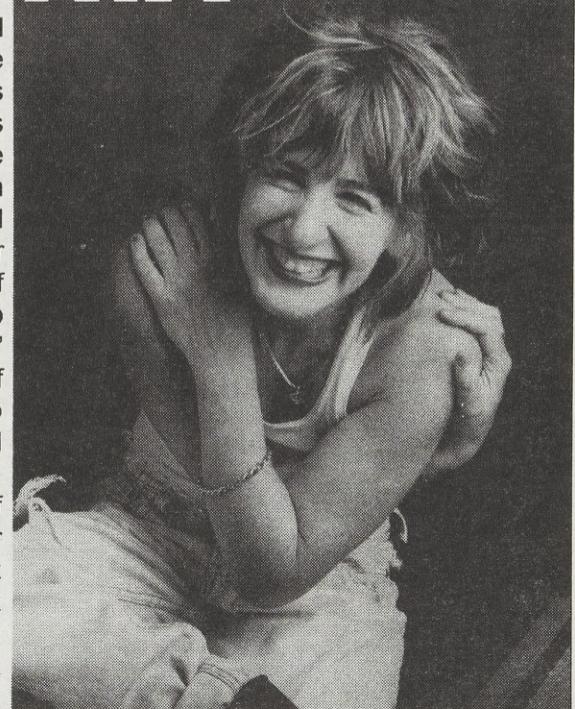
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When people get ready to walk across a public road, they usually look both ways first to see if any vehicles are coming. Unfortunately, this isn't the case with animals, including certain large ones.

Too often, the result is a motorist's nightmare: a collision with a deer, moose, or elk. The animal usually comes out in second place, but the toll on vehicles and their occupants can also be substantial.

Each year, about 100 people die and another 9,000 are injured in animal-vehicle collisions, the National Safety Council says. About 500,000 such crashes cause about \$1 billion in damage annually, the Insurance Information Institute estimates.

While animal-vehicle collisions can happen any time of year, fall is the peak season for deer-car crashes. That's mainly because autumn is both mating season and hunting season, so deer are more active and more likely to roam beyond their normal territory.

No foolproof way has been found to keep deer, moose, and elk off highways. Deer whistles have their advocates, but the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says there's no scientific evidence to support claims they work as intended. Some studies suggest roadside reflectors — designed to reflect light from vehicle headlamps and cause deer to "freeze" rather than cross the road — reduce crash frequency to some extent.

You can avoid an unplanned meeting with a deer, moose or elk. Here's how:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Pay attention to "deer crossing"

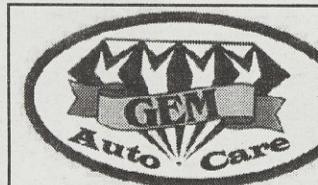


signs. Look well down the road and far off to each side. At night, use your high beams if possible to illuminate the road's edges. Be especially watchful in areas near woods and water. If you see one deer, there may be several others nearby.

- Be particularly alert at dusk and dawn. The animals venture out to feed at these times.
- If you see a deer, moose, or elk on or near the roadway and think you have time to avoid hitting it, reduce your speed,

tap your brakes to warn other drivers, and sound your horn. Deer tend to fixate on headlights, so flashing them may cause the animal to move. If there's no vehicle close behind you, brake hard.

- If a collision seems inevitable, don't swerve to avoid the animal; your risk of injury may be greater if you do. Hit it, but control the vehicle. Report the crash to the police.
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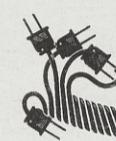
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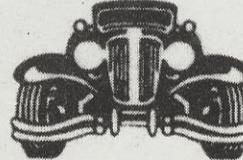
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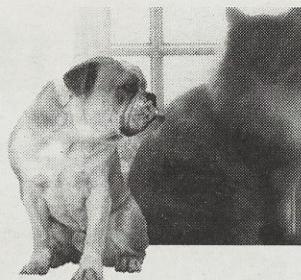
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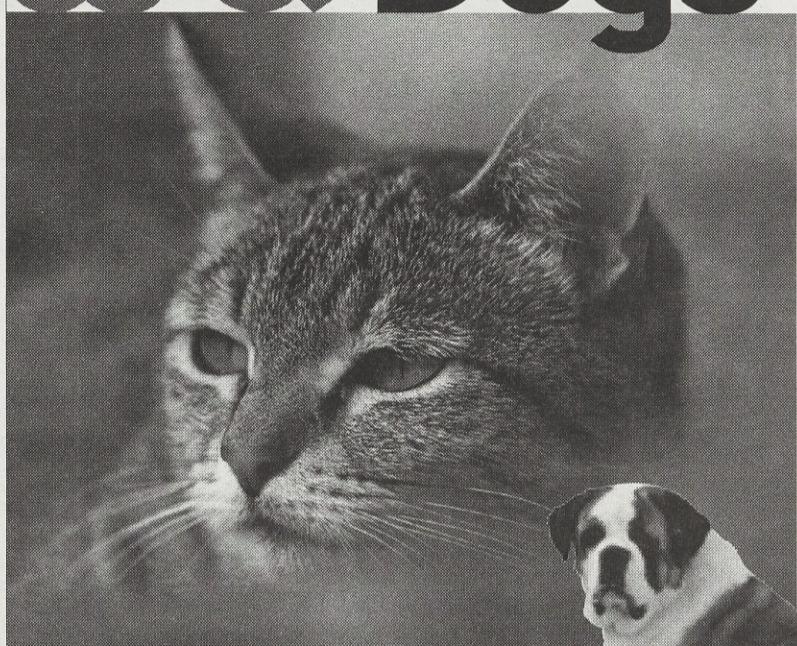
Cats & Dogs

BY RANDY JAMISON
MGW STAFF

Traditionally viewed as enemies, dogs and cats can learn to be the best of friends. Patience and a bit of extra work on your part is the key. When introducing a new puppy to your resident cat, realize that she will not be pleased to see a rambunctious ball of fur entering her domain. The puppy, on the other hand, may consider your cat to be a live-action chew toy. With care and supervision, however, it won't be long before your pets are snoozing together.

When introducing a new puppy to a cat, it is important that you make their introduction as gradual and untraumatic as possible. Do not let the puppy have direct contact with the cat during his first few days at home. Select a room in your house that will be your puppy's nursery - preferably a room with an easily washable floor - where you can keep the puppy's crate, food bowls, and toys. If the cat is interested, let her sniff the strange puppy odors wafting from under the door.

When you take the puppy outside the room, keep him on a leash. Do not allow him to charge after your cat - he may end up with a smack on the nose from a furious cat! Try to keep the puppy as calm and quiet as possible and let your cat observe this strange creature from a distance. Do not force them together under any circumstances. After five or ten minutes, give them a break from each other for the rest of the day. You should see a gradual decrease in hostility anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. While in the cat's vicinity, do not let your puppy off his leash until you are sure



the hostility has passed.

Make sure that both the puppy and your cat get individualized attention - they can get jealous! Your cat should have a refuge that is inaccessible to a boisterous puppy. An accordion style baby gate will keep your puppy confined to a certain part of the house while allowing your cat to enter or escape as she pleases. Use a loud "NO" and a sharp clap of your hands to break up any squabbles. Realize that if you have more than one resident cat, it will take longer for the puppy to be accepted.

Be very careful when adopting an adult dog. Some breeds can be very aggressive with cats, particularly terrier breeds that were originally bred to hunt and kill small mammals. Any adult dog that is not accustomed to cats must be introduced with extreme caution. As with a puppy, start by keeping the dog and cat in separate parts of the house, al-

lowing them to become accustomed to each other's scent through closed doors.

After a few days, leash the dog. Let the cat and dog observe each other and praise

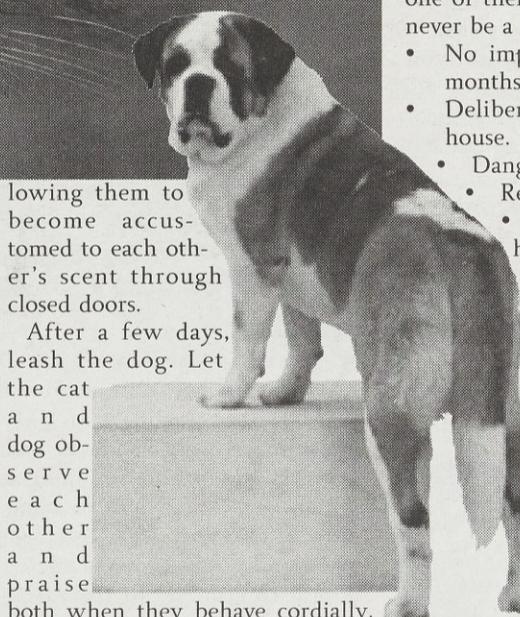
both when they behave cordially. Observe your dog. If he is repeatedly aggressive, never leave him in a situation where he could attack the cat. It only takes seconds for a disaster to happen!

If you are bringing a kitten into your home with a resident dog, watch carefully for signs of jealousy or aggression. Keep them separated for the first few days and gradually increase contact. Never leave a little kitten unsuper-

vised, even if your dog is gentle, until the kitten is old enough to defend itself and run away. Put the cat's litter box somewhere the dog can't get to it. Cats hate being interrupted or annoyed while in their box. Dogs will make a mess of the litter and many will eat the feces. Feed your kitten somewhere where the dog can't get at her food and don't allow her to eat dog food - it's not good for her. Dog food will eventually kill a cat since it does not contain enough meat to maintain their health.

In rare cases you may have to accept the fact that your puppy and cat will never get along. At that point, there are only two solutions, keep them separate permanently, or find another home for one of them. Signs that there may never be a friendship include:

- No improvement after several months.
- Deliberate soiling around the house.
- Dangerous fighting
 - Refusal to eat
 - Constant and relentless harassment by one or the other.▼



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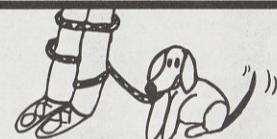
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On the HIV Front

By SONYA COX
AIDS/HIV EDITOR

San Francisco bans net filters in libraries...

San Francisco officials have voted to ban Internet filters on computers in the city's public libraries, risking the loss of some \$20,000 in funds under a law that requires schools and libraries to filter Web content or forgo federal funding. The filters cannot differentiate between what is harmful and what is not, say library officials and the Board of Supervisors. They block individuals from obtaining information related to many health-related issues, such as breast cancer, anorexia, sexuality, and AIDS.

"It's more important that the library, along with parents, teach our children how to use the Internet responsibly," they say. Terminals for youths under age thirteen will continue to block info with graphic and sexual content.

New law allows instant HIV results...

As many as 30% of the 2.5 million people who get tested annually for HIV never return to learn the results of their tests. With the rise in HIV transmission, California legislator Carole Migden from San Francisco authored Assembly Bill 1263 – which was signed by Governor Gray Davis in late September. AB 1263, to take effect in January, will allow rapid oral HIV testing by counselors, at first at select sites until the test awaits full FDA approval. Rapid oral testing has been determined to be accurate and can yield a result in five to thirty minutes. The new law should significantly reduce the number of HIV cases that arise from a person not knowing his or her status.

Transplants working well in people with HIV...

People with HIV who receive donor kidneys and livers seem to do well following surgery, say San Francisco researchers, despite the fact that the organ recipients routinely receive a powerful immuno-suppressant drug so that organ rejection does not occur. "Frankly, a lot of us

thought that giving cyclosporine to them would be almost immediately fatal," says Dr. Lynda Frassetto, associate clinical professor of medicine at the University of California-San Francisco.

LA and SF break ties with AIDS Ride...

The Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation say they will terminate their eight-year association with the California AIDS Ride, and jointly produce a new cycling event in 2002 called AIDS/LifeCycle to raise funds for HIV and AIDS services. Both groups say they are not renewing their contracts with the AIDS Ride producer, Pallotta TeamWorks (PTW), because of a failure to agree of several key issues surrounding financial controls over PTW's expenses and budget, resulting in significant overruns by PTW during the 2001 event. ▼

Info. 866-BIKE-4-AIDS, aidslifecycle.org

AIDS groups lost millions in wake of NY attack...

New York City AIDS groups have lost millions of dollars due to interrupted services and the costs of emergency food and shelter for their clients in the wake of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center, according to Housing Works, the city's AIDS service organization. Early data indicate that most organizations experienced "significant disruptions" in services, including office closures, problems with communications and transportation, and restricted client and staff access to services. Additional expenses are anticipated in future weeks and months, including higher expenditures for mental health services. The department expects that money from federal and state relief agencies being targeted to groups with significant losses will come their

way to assist in their restructuring efforts.

Glaxo gives up patents on drugs for South Africa...

GlaxoSmithKline has handed over rights to its market-leading AIDS drugs AZT and 3TC (and Combivir, which combines the two) to a South African generic drug firm in an attempt to defuse a continuing debate over access to treatment. The move comes six months after thirty-nine pharmaceutical companies backed down from releasing their patents so as to not jeopardize their profitable premium markets in North America and Europe, and instead offered to simply cut prices in Africa. The generic firm, Aspen, says its Combivir will cost around \$1.80 per person a day, with AZT priced at \$1.60 and 3TC at just over 60 cents. This is higher than the \$1-a-day cost some Indian generic drug makers are offering for AIDS combination therapies in Africa.

Tablet for CMV now available...

Valcyte (valganciclovir) tablets are now available for the treatment of CMV retinitis, an illness associated with severely compromised immune systems which can lead to blindness. In tests, two Valcyte tablets taken orally achieved systemic exposure comparable to that delivered by intravenous ganciclovir, for years the main treatment method. Dosage adjustments will be required for people with impaired renal function. ▼

Afghan conflict may fuel epidemics...

Climbing heroin prices in the wake of U.S.-led attacks could force Pakistani addicts, who obtain opium and heroin from Afghanistan and inhale them when they are cheap

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and plentiful, to turn to intravenous drug use, fear researchers attending an international conference in Melbourne. Needle sharing, the sale of blood to health services, prostitution and unprotected sex leave the country extremely vulnerable. "This could be a public health crisis of unimaginable proportions. It is not speculation without foundation," says Sydney's St. Vincent's Hospital.

In addition to concerns about the spread of AIDS, world health officials are becoming concerned about ways to treat possible massive outbreaks of TB in Afghanistan and Pakistan among refugees following the US-led bombing campaign. Afghanistan and Pakistan are already among the world's top twenty countries in TB cases. A relatively high proportion of the estimated 150,000 cases reported each year in Pakistan are resistant to most commonly used drugs, which complicates treatment regimens. Infectious diseases flourish among the malnourished but, in fact, says one health expert, "most people die of communicable disease before they actually starve to death because their bodies, their immune systems, have been weakened from the hunger." Now, with the shortage of food for the refugees and with cold weather coming, it's an excellent breeding ground for TB as well as other diseases. ▼

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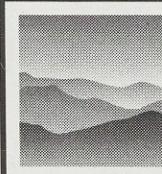
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In Our Community

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When someone asked gay writer Ethan Mordden how he could live without a family, he responded that his friends were his family. But that person didn't understand his answer. The person said, "no — a family like playing with them and learning from each other and living with them inseparably." Mordden said, "That's what we do." Finally the person sort of got it, that Mordden's family was his buddies. Like a healthy family, friends help us through difficult times, know us inside and out, and treat us honestly, directly, and compassionately.

When you're LGBT, friends become an essential part of your life. Many of us grew up with a group of people who were "family" in name only. Others of us lost many of our family members once we came out. As a result, we create families of choice, developing intimate and long-lasting groups of support.

Caring friends are critical to your physical well being as well as your emotional health. Many studies have shown that there is a link between having strong social support and increased immunity. Good friendships literally ward off illness. Having a good circle of friends enhances your emotional health by increasing confidence and im-



proving self-esteem. Watch small children at play some time with this thought in mind: play to a child is like work to an adult.

Likewise, you are also "working" when you are at play with your friends. You work to feel acceptable to others, to feel approved and to be acknowledged. You also make time to enjoy yourself, to relax, and to indulge in the good feelings of being around others.

As important, friendships give you a sense of belonging. As LGBT individuals, we have a history of feeling different, of not being a part of the group, of "being picked last on the team."

These make it even more critical for us to feel accepted by others. Having friends increases feelings of self-worth, which cause you to take better care of yourself; you are more likely to exercise, eat well, and not over-indulge in alco-

hol and other drugs. This results in a chain reaction known as the "adaptive spiral."

In fact, it is in the daily encounters with friends that you define yourself. Your identity is strengthened and maintained through your friendships and the people you meet within LGBT organizations and neighborhoods. Friendships allow you to link personal identity with membership in a larger community, where you share personal tastes, politics, religious views, and sexual styles with like-minded individuals.

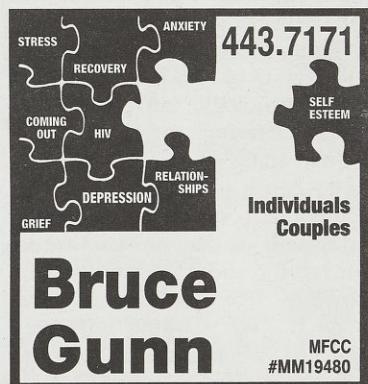
For many of us, friendships are inextricably woven into our narrative histories and coming out stories. So, when you tell people who you are, who you hope to be, and who you are becoming, you are giving them a sense of your place in a larger community. Networks of friends are also at the root of LGBT efforts to develop a collective identity, to build communities of choice, to organize a political presence, and to create residential, commercial, and sexual spaces.

As a result, your participation in an LGBT community, its neighborhoods, and organizations helps nurture your identity and strengthens friendship networks. For example, attending an LGBT film festival, go-

ing to a Pride event, or even hanging out in a coffee shop enhances your sense of community and provides safe places to make new friends.

Friends become the mechanism for not only learning about and maintaining your LGBT identity, but also for entering the LGBT communities; for organizing into social, religious, and political groups; and for providing you with a sense of history and collective identity. Friendships are the route to understanding ourselves as individuals and as citizens of a larger community. Friendship is one of the essential ingredients for a healthy and happy life and a force that can help us achieve dignity and equality in today's world.

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Zen Therapy: Happiness Through Liberation From Suffering

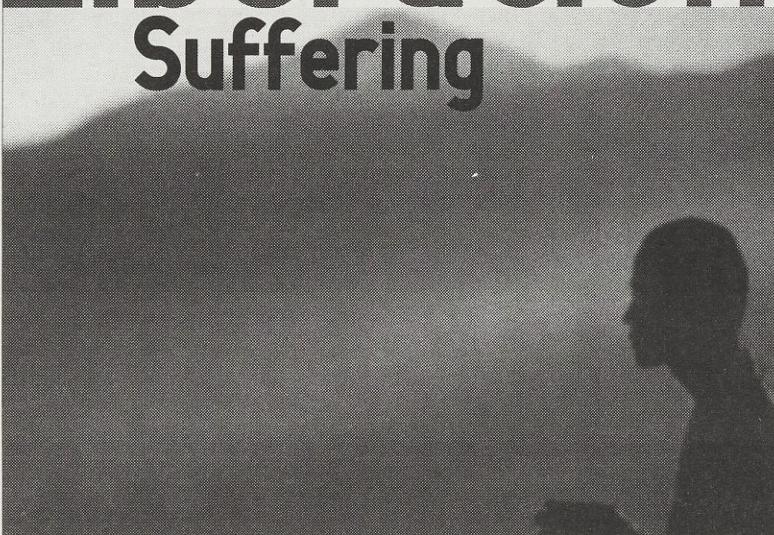
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To grow pearls there has to be grit in the oyster. Each of us has some grit in our oyster. All too often, however, we devote our lives to ignoring rather than working on it. According to Zen Therapy or Buddhist Psychology, ignoring this keeps us in the realm of suffering, but it is the grit itself, which gives us the opportunity to liberate ourselves.

The grit, or "dukkha", in Buddhist Psychology, can be translated as "suffering", or "bitterness", or "bad states of mind". According to Zen it is this very suffering that is our best friend. This suffering tells us that we need to do something about ourselves and shows us where, when, and how to do it. By working with our own grit, we become a "true being", a true pearl.

Inwardly we long for answers to our troubles and suffering, but we have mastered many techniques for keeping our questions bound and gagged. The grit demands real pearl, again and again inevitably we expose the inadequacy of our efforts to cover up the trouble inside.

At such times we are apt to seek a therapist to, if I may change the metaphor, help us get the dragon back into its cave. Therapists of



many schools will oblige in this, and we can be returned to ordinary unhappiness. Zen, or Buddhist Psychology, by contrast, offers dragon-riding lessons.

I am a practicing psychotherapist and a student of Buddhist Psychology. I have been interested in an integration of the two as a means to aid in the healing of those who, by trying to avoid suffering, have in fact been holding it in place.

I apply Buddha's teachings to the contemporary circumstances of my work in a modern western culture. My clients suffer from a wide range of emotional troubles. Zen practice is organized around the idea of helping people find freedom from conditioning.

Freedom in Zen however, is a different matter from the western concern of consumer choice. The

freedom referred to in Zen is the freedom, which is experienced when one lives from the true reality of their lives. The true reality of their lives must be freed from the suffering created by self-centered distortions such as anger, greed, jealousy, envy, pride, dejection, and all other mental concoctions to which self-passion give rise.

Karma is the circular process. Since Karma is caused by willful behavior, it concerns both attitude and action. Therapy, similarly, must be concerned with both ar-

eas: what the client holds in their heart and what they act out in their life. ▼

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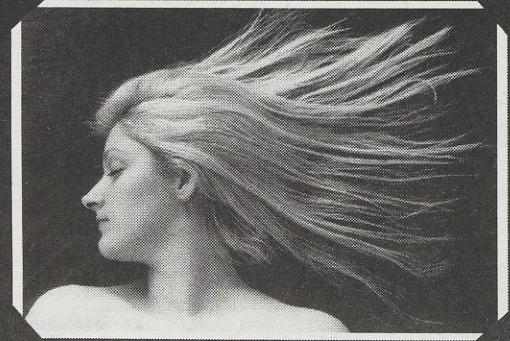
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RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-41-RESORT
SAC. RECORDER SOCIETY, 6:30pm, Goethe Hall, 1701 L St., 451-7614
VOICE OF THE VALLEY A CAPELLA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000
WOMEN CONNECTING: LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, & CURIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP, 7pm, Wellspring Community Center, 2400 Glendale Ln. Ste. G, 723-7849

2 FRIDAY

A TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA, 5pm, Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation's Philoptochos Society, Hellenic Center, 614 Alhambra Blvd., 485-9931
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614
TWIN LAKES FOOD BANK DINNER & AUCTION, 6:30pm, Folsom Community Center, 52 Natomas St., Folsom, 985-7454

3 SATURDAY

ANIMAL PLACE OPEN HOUSE, 10am, 3448 Laguna Creek Trail, Vacaville, 707-449-4814, AnimalPlace.org
CAPITAL UNITY COUNCIL UNITY DINNER, 6pm, Sheraton Grand Hotel Grand Ballroom, 1230 J St., 930-0328
GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS HIKE, Mt. Tamalpais, 663-3560
GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS HIKE, Yuba River, Malakoff Diggins State Park, 773-2279
JUDY FJELL, 7:30pm, Davis Untarian, 27074 Patwin Rd., Davis, 530-757-2948
LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT YARD SALE, 8am, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 987-6614
LA VENDER OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT, 8am, William Land Park Golf Course, 1701 Sutterville Rd., 455-5014, 366-0294
PRE-RUN PASTA DINNER, 6:30pm, Camino Hotel, 4203 Carson Rd., Camino, 800-200-7740
MS. SAN DIEGO LEATHER CONTEST, 4pm, HOLE, 2820 Lytton St., San Diego, missandiego@leather@yahoo.com
SONIA'S DISAPPEAR FEAR, 7:30pm, TWCA, 1122 17th St., 264-8077

4 SUNDAY

AMER. RIVER COLLEGE FOUNDATION SILENT AUCTION, 4:30pm, Croation Amer. Cultural Center, 3730 Auburn Ave., 484-8174
APPLE HILL HARVEST RUN, 7am, Larsen's Apple Barn, Camino, ohhc.org

Theatre/Dance/Orchestra

ALCAZAR THEATRE; Lipsink! The Boxed Set, ongoing; 650 Geary St., SF, 415-346-7085
AMER. RIVER THEATRE; Lovers & Liars, Nov. 23-Dec. 2; Harvey, March 1-10; Thieves' Carnival, Apr. 26-May 5; 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234
CALIFORNIA STAGE; Wild Indian, thru Nov. 17; 2509 R St., 451-5822
CALIFORNIA WIND ORCHESTRA; Dr. Brian Bowman, Dec. 5; Roswell & Dr. David Ehrke, Feb. 16; Ron Romm & Youth Artist Competition Winner, Apr. 21; Crest Theater, 1013 K St., 489-2576
CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; There Was a Time..., Nov. 17; Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 488-2103
CHAUTAUQUA THEATRE; Home, Nov. 24; The Holiday Broadcast of 1943, Dec. 2-22; Bee-Luther-Hotchee, Jan. 11-Feb. 16; Bus Stop, March 1-Apr. 6; Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Apr. 19-May 25; 5235 Engle Rd., Carm., 489-7529
CSUS; Blood Wedding, Nov. 1-11; Divine Divas, Nov. 1-17; Betrayal, Nov. 15-Dec. 2; Spring Alumni Review, Feb. 16-17; Santos & Santos, March 7-17; Pirates of Penzance, Apr. 11-21; Medea, May 2-12; S/BAD, Sept. 19-29; Dale Scholl Dance/Art, Nov. 1-17; Dance Recital, Dec. 6-8; S/BAD, Feb. 20-23; Dale Scholl Dance/Art, March 7-23; Dance Concert, Apr. 10-13; 6000 J St., 278-4323
FOOTHILL THEATRE COMPANY; The Secret Garden, Nov. 15-Dec. 30; 530-265-9320, 888-730-8587
GARBEAU'S DINNERN THEATRE; A Tribute to Noel Coward, Nov. 7; The Toys Take Over Christmas, Nov. 17-Dec. 22; 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 958-6361
GOLD COUNTRY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA; In The Romantic Tradition, Nov. 3; Beethoven Trilogy, Jan. 26; Schoenberg Concert, March 9; Spirit of America, Apr. 6; First Church of Christ Scientist, 2300 Capitol Ave., 457-3337
LAMBDA PLAYERS; William J. Geery Theatre, 2130 L St., 484-4742, lambdplaylers.org
MAGIC THEATRE; Schrodinger's Girlfriend, thru Nov. 18; Fort Mason Center, SF, 415-441-8822
MAIN STREET THEATRE WORKS; The Taming of the Shrew, Nov. 2-Dec. 1; Sutter Creek Theatre, 44 Main St., 209-267-5680
MARINES MEMORIAL THEATRE; Stamp, ongoing; 609 Sutter St., SF, 877-771-6900
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY; Vienna, City of My Dreams, Nov. 11-13; Holiday Pops, Dec. 2; Hungarian Rhapsody, Jan. 13-15; Song from Scandinavia, Mar. 3-5; All American, Apr. 7-9; Apr. 28-30; Family Concert, Apr. 27; 226-6872
PAMELA TROKANSKI DANCE WORKSHOP; Fall Session II, thru Dec. 22, 911 3rd St., Davis, 530-756-3949
RIVER STAGE; Meet the Critics Night, Nov. 11; The Imaginary Invalid, thru Nov. 18; Playwright's Festival of New Works, Feb. 7-10, 2002; Gunfighter: A Gulf War Chronicle, Apr. 10-May 12, 2001; Acts Unbecoming a Golem, July 10-28, 2002; Cosumnes River College, 8401 Center Pkwy., 691-7364
RUNAWAY STAGE PRODUCTIONS; Gypsy, thru Nov. 3; 24th St. Theatre, 2491 24th St., 207-1226
RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT; Tessa Chua, Nov. 3; Leather Weekend, Nov. 9-12; Scott Capurro, Nov. 17; Danny Williams, Nov. 24; Torn Jeans Contest hosted by Danny Williams, Nov. 24; 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-41-RESORT
SAC. BALLET; Nutcracker character breakfast, Nov. 17-18; The Nutcracker Ball, Nov. 24; The Nutcracker school matinee, Dec. 7, 12-14; Sugar Plum Fairy tea, Dec. 9 & 16; The Nutcracker, Dec. 6-23; 552-5800
SAC. THEATRE COMPANY; Cinderella, Nov. 13-Dec. 30; Benched, Dec. 19-Feb. 24; On The Way To Love, Jan. 15-Feb. 10; The Pavilion, Feb. 25-Mar. 24; Almost Grown Up, Mar. 27-Jun. 2; Picasso At The Lapin Agile, Apr. 16-May 12; 1419 H St., 443-6722
SAN FRANCISCO OPERA COMPANY; Tosca, thru Nov. 12; Falstaff, Nov. 19-Dec. 9; The Merry Widow, Nov. 27-Jan. 19; Carmen, June 8-July 6; Madama Butterfly, June 9-July 5; Giulio Cesare, June 19-July 7; War Memorial Opera House, 455 Franklin St., SF, 415-861-3330, sfopera.com
SF JAZZ; Mary Stallings & Eric Reed Quartet, Nov. 1; Brad Mehldau Trio, Nov. 1; Charles Lloyd & Zakir Hussain, Nov. 2; Isaac Delgado Orchestra, Nov. 2; Issac Delgado Orchestra, Nov. 3; Joanne Brackeen, Nov. 3; James Carter, Steve Turre, Mulgrew Miller, Vincent Herring, Buster Williams, & Lewis Nash, Nov. 3; Dave Brubeck Quartet, Nov. 3; Donny Seilim Trio, Buster Williams, Matt Wilson, Nov. 4; Dick Hyman, Ed Poker, Kenny Davern, Howard Alden, & Johnny Varro, Nov. 4; Keith Jarrett, Gary Peacock & Jack DeJohnette, Nov. 4; 415-788-7353, sfjazz.org
T STREET PLAYERS; The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, thru Oct. 27; 4623 T St., 264-8890
THE STUDIO THEATRE; Six Women With Brain Death, ongoing; 1028 R St., 446-2668
THEATRE ON THE SQUARE; The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life In The Universe, thru Nov. 25; 450 Post St., SF, 415-433-9500
THEATRICUM BOTANICUM; 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, 310-455-3723
TOWE AUTO MUSEUM; 2001 A Car Odyssey, Nov. 9-11; 2200 Front St., 442-6802
UC DAVIS PRESENTS; Tomas Kubinek, Nov. 3; Jon Nakamatsu & Miami String Quartet, Nov. 3; Twyla Tharp Dance, Nov. 7; Christopher Parkening & Jubilant Sykes, Nov. 9; Bang On A Can All-Stars, Nov. 10; Lecha Walewa, Nov. 12; Mary Black, Nov. 16; Fiesta Navidad, Nov. 28; Gonzalo Rubalcaba Trio, Nov. 30; Leland Faulkner, Dec. 1; Courtney Budd, Dec. 8; Ameri Back Soloists, Dec. 19; Ken Burns, Jan. 11; The Chieftains, Jan. 12; Dance Theatre of Harlem, Jan. 14-15; National Acrobatics of Taiwan (R.O.C.), Jan. 17; Midori, Jan. 19; Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, Jan. 24; Imago: Frogz, Jan. 26; Rubin Carter, Jan. 30; Stefan Harris Quartet, Feb. 1; 530-757-3199, ucdavispresents.ucdavis.edu
THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; Guys and Dolls, thru Nov. 18; The Heiress, Feb. 1-24; Eleanor, An American Love Story, Apr. 5-28; Corpse!, May 24-June 16; 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, 7pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

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FRIDAY

2001 A CAR ODYSSEY, 8pm, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., 442-6802
FOOL HOUSE POKER GROUP, 922-6287, 723-5269
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614
TALL SHIPS TOUR GRAND ARRIVAL, 2pm, Old Sac., 800-200-LADY
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SATURDAY

2001 A CAR ODYSSEY, 1pm & 8pm, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., 442-6802
AUBURN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, 10am, Gold Country Fairgrounds, 1230 High St., Auburn, 209-533-3473, 530-823-4533
CHROMA GALLERY SECOND SATURDAY, 4pm, 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., 966-6020
DADS & KIDS IN THE DESERT WEEKEND, Viola's Resort, Palm Springs, family.pride.org
JUDY FJELL, 7:30pm, MCC, 150 Eureka, SF, 415-552-3953
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TEEN POETRY WORKSHOP, 6:30pm, Carm. Library, 5605 Marconi Ave., Carm., 264-2770
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VEGETARIAN HOLIDAY COOKING CLASS, 4pm, Food Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, atkinson@daviscoop.com

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SUNDAY

2001 A CAR ODYSSEY, 1pm, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., 442-6802
AN AFTERNOON OF HOLIDAY STYLE, 2pm, Hospice Thrift Store, 3257 Folsom Blvd., 457-1877
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PET FIRST AID, 6pm, Carm. Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., 485-5322
SEXUAL COMPULSIVES ANONYMOUS, 7:30pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0967
TALL SHIPS TOUR, 3pm, Old Sac., 800-200-LADY
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MONDAY

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TALL SHIPS TOUR, 3pm, Old Sac., 800-200-LADY

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TUESDAY

CA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR FREE FORD TUESDAY, 9:30am, 100 34th Ave., SF, 415-750-3614
CAPITAL CITY SQUARES, 6:30pm, Jefferson School, 2001 Pebblewood Dr., Natomas, 929-8697
CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 2 & 7pm, second floor City Council Chamber, City Hall, 915 1 St., 264-5407
PRIDE PRESERVER MEETING, 6pm, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 978-0410

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WEDNESDAY

LEATHER & LACE WOMEN'S MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEETING, 7pm, 725-9467
TALL SHIPS TOUR, 3pm, Old Sac., 800-200-LADY
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THURSDAY

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CA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; organist David Hegerty, Nov. 3-4; musician Robert Gurney, Nov. 10-11 & 17-18; Veterans' Day Ceremony, Nov. 11; Amer. Decorative Arts Forum lecture, Nov. 13; SF Ceramic Circle lecture, Nov. 15; Textile Arts Council lecture, Nov. 17; The Moche Giants of Ancient Peru lecture, Nov. 28; Reva & David Logan Collection of Illustrated Books, Jan. 6; Artists' Books in the Modern Era 1870-2000, thru Jan. 6; **Moche Creativity: Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary CA Drawings**, thru Feb. 10, 2002; 100 34th Ave., SF, 415-750-3614
CHROMA GALLERY; The Turning of the Year, thru Nov. 4; Vines & Wines, Nov. 7-Dec. 2; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., FO, 966-6020
CROCKER ART MUSEUM; Almost Warm & Fuzzy: Childhood and Contemporary Art, thru Nov. 4; Holiday Arts & Crafts Gift Show, Nov. 24-25; Crocker Celebrates The Season, Dec. 9; Walls Of Light: The History of Steinbeck, Dec. 13; Holiday Spirit, Dec. 16; Compliments of the Season: A Victorian Christmas by Dolph Gotelli; Nov. 11-Jan. 26; 0 16th St., 264-0523
EXPLODING HEAD GALLERY; Jacqueline Hurtbert, Nov. 1-Dec. 1; 924 12th St., 442-8424
EXPLORATORIUM; Mathematics, thru May 5; 3601 Lyon St., SF, 415-563-7337
FINE ARTS CENTER; 2001: A Photo Odyssey, Nov. 13-25; 53308 Gibbons Dr., Carm., 971-3713
GOLDEN STATE MUSEUM; Orphans of History, thru Dec. 2; 1020 O St., goldenstatemuseum.org
JAY JAY; Dean De Cockier, Nov. 7-Dec. 2; 2906 Franklin Blvd., 456-7650
JOHN NATSOULAS; Mel Ramos & Puerto Carter, Nov. 7-Dec. 2; 521 First St., Davis, 530-756-3938
MOCA MUSEUM; A Room Of Their Own, thru Dec. 1; Douglas Gordon, thru Jan. 13; Mata in America: Paintings and Drawings of the 1940s, thru Jan. 6; 250 South Grand Ave., LA, 213-621-2766
MUMS RESTAURANT; Doris Brown, Marianne Crawford, Geri Hall, Phyllis Kress, & Marilyn Van Roekel, thru Nov. 30; 2968 Freeport Rd., 923-2656
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Happy Daze RV, 1199 El Camino, 921-2222

Ray's Auto Stereo & Alarms, 1925 F St., 447-9753

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Bars/Nightclubs

The Bolt, 2560 Boxwood St., 649-8420

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Faces, 2000 K St., 448-7798

Hamburger Mary's, 1630 J St., 441-4340

Mercantile, 20th & L, 447-0792

Townhouse, 1517 21st St., 441-5122

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District 3: Muriel Johnson, 874-5481

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District 5: Don Nottoli, 874-5485

Car Wash

Gem Auto Care, 5150 Freeport Blvd., 451-6524

Harv's Car Wash & Smog Center, 1901 L St., 446-0129

Cemeteries/Mortuaries

East Lawn Memorial Park & Mortuaries, 732-2000

Chiropractors

James Carlson, Rocklin Chiropractic, 5875 Pacific St. #D, Rocklin, 624-0682

Karen Chaney, Universal Chiropractic, 7200 S. Land Park Dr., Suite 200, 392-3900

Churches

Cathedral of Promise MCC, 10500 Chaplain Ave., Matherfield Rd., 364-4325

Dignity, 2529 K St., 492-6452

Lutheran Church Of Our Redeemer, 4641 Marconi Blvd., 483-5691

Lutherans Concerned, 731-8887, 927-2624

City Council

City Hall, Rm. 205, 915 J St.

Mayor Heather Fargo: 264-5300

City Council Session Call-In, Cable Channel 73, 264-8255

District 1: Ray Tretwathy, 264-7001

District 2: Sandy Sheedy, 264-7002

District 3: Steve Cohn, 264-7003

District 4: Jimmy Yee, 264-7004

District 5: Lauren Hammond, 264-7005

District 6: Dave Jones, 264-7006

District 7: Robbie Waters, 264-7007

Attorneys

Andrew Last, 2150 Capital Ave., #100, 446-5574

Allan Owen, Ordas, Timmons, Owens & Owen Inc., 906 6 St., #610, 444-0321

Mark La Roque, 725 30th St., #101, 498-0431

Rosemary Metrailler, 2206 K St. Suite 5, 447-7258

Automotive Services

Barber Shop Automotive, 1116 18th St., 448-3257

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- Other _____

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Pre-Paid Legal Services, 707-998-4045, prepaidlegal.com

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Danny Figueroa, Senior Loan Officer, AccuBanc Mortgage Corp., 1601 Response Rd., #206, 564-9500

Dee Petee, Senior Loan Officer, AccuBanc Mortgage Lender, 564-9500

Shirleen Von Hoffman, Loan Officer Vice President, North American Mortgage Co., 950 Cal Center Dr., #100, 780-6222

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Alhambra Mail & Parcel, 3104 O St., 731-4440

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Harold McCallum, 725 J St., 441-0410

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Lotus Valley Nursery/Garden, 5606 Peterson Lane, Lotus, 626-7001

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Dr. Cameron Yee, 6407 Riverside Blvd., 395-0673

Styleyes, Eric Geiger, 2231 J St., Ste. 102, 448-2220

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Sandman Painting & Drywall, 925-4838

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Classified Ads



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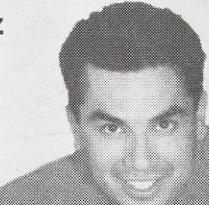
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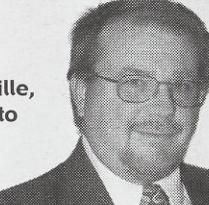
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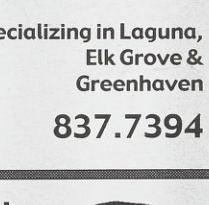
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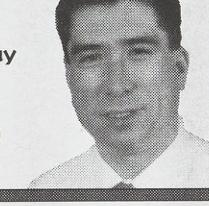
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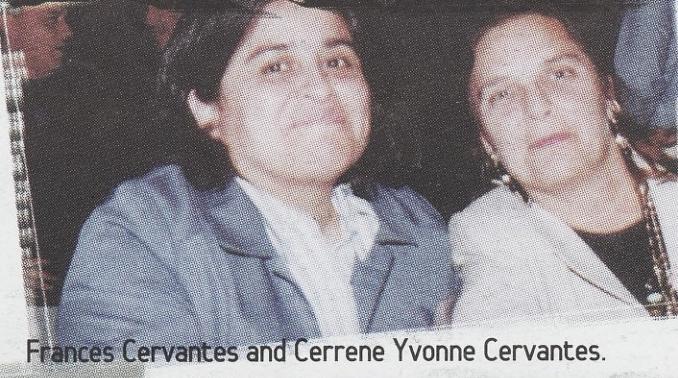
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